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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *In the Matter of Accessibility of User Interfaces, and Video Programming Guides and Menus, MB Docket No. 12-108, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 13-77)*

Dear Commissioners:

TV-2 Sacopec Valley submits this letter in the above-referenced rulemaking proceeding (NPRM) in support of the comments filed by the Alliance for Community Media; the Alliance for Communications Democracy; Montgomery County, Maryland; and the National Association of Counties, National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors & U.S. Conference of Mayors.

TV-2 Sacopec Valley carries approximately 4 weekly over the Time Warner Cable in Sacopec Valley, including the towns of Baldwin, Cornish, Hiram, Porter and Parsonsfield, Maine. Our programming is available to approximately 1200 subscribers in our service area.

We carry the programs Army Newswatch, Democracy Now, NASA-TV and many others, several of which include closed captioning on our channel. However, the onscreen video programming guide of our multichannel video programming distributor (MVPD), Time Warner Cable does not provide a label or symbol indicating that these programs have closed captions.

We have program descriptions and accessibility information readily available for our programs with accessibility options such as closed captions. However, currently, Time Warner Cable displays only "Local Access-TWC" on the program guide. This level of information is inadequate to meet the accessibility goals of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA). Viewers cannot determine from the MVPD's video programming guide what our programs are and whether our programs are accessible. Thus, viewers with visual or auditory disabilities cannot make meaningful video program choices.

We urge the Commission to adopt rules that would require video programming guides and menus which display channel and program information include for all channels, high level channel and program descriptions and titles, as well as a symbol identifying the programs with accessibility options (captioning and video description).

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Very Truly Yours,

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